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*Whereas, Congresswoman Julia Carson was born July 8,  
1938, and passed away on December 15, 2007, at the age of  
69;*

*Whereas, The daughter of Velma Porter,  
Congresswoman Julia Carson was born in Louisville,  
Kentucky, and is survived by children, grandchildren, and  
great-grandchildren;*

*Whereas, Congresswoman Julia Carson became the first  
woman and the first African-American to represent Indiana  
in the United States House of Representatives when she was  
elected to that office in 1996, and she served in that office  
until her death;*

*Whereas, Congresswoman Julia Carson was elected to  
the office of Center Township Trustee in 1990 and served in  
that office through 1996;*

*Whereas, Congresswoman Julia Carson was elected to  
the Indiana State Senate in 1976 and served in that office  
through 1990, where she served on the Health and Human*



*Services Committee and Public Safety Subcommittee;*

*Whereas, Congresswoman Julia Carson was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1972 and served in that office through 1976, where she served on the Human Services and Election and Apportionment Committees;*

*Whereas, prior to seeking elected office, Congresswoman Julia Carson worked on behalf of Hoosiers in the office of Congressman Andy Jacobs where she instituted a program of performing the constituents' casework where they live, thereby creating a new standard for Congressional business that is followed today;*

*Whereas, throughout all of her public service, Congresswoman Julia Carson worked tirelessly on behalf of children, women, veterans, and the homeless by writing and promoting legislation and implementing programs to provide needed services to her constituents while saving tax dollars;*

*Whereas, Congresswoman Julia Carson successfully authored a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal to civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks in 1999;*

*Whereas, Congresswoman Julia Carson as a member of the United States House of Representatives effectively secured federal funds for the city of Indianapolis to assist with transportation, environmental issues, and neighborhood preservation, including funds for the Central Waterfront Project, the reparation of Veterans Memorial Plaza, and the Children's Museum;*

*Whereas, Congresswoman Julia Carson personally donated a building to the Hoosier Veterans Assistance Program for the development of the Carson House, a transitional housing for formerly homeless veterans; and*

*Whereas, through her public life and private actions,*



*Congresswoman Julia Carson inspired, touched, and served  
all Indiana citizens by her words and deeds; Therefore:*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

- 1           SECTION 1. The Indiana General Assembly honors the invaluable
- 2           lifetime services and achievements of Congresswoman Julia Carson.
- 3           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 4           Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the
- 5           family of Congresswoman Julia Carson.

